

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-34, and 37-45 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 33 and 34 are amended. Claims 11-32, 38 and 39 are withdrawn. Claims 35 and 36 have been canceled by a previous amendment.

Applicants thank Examiner Hollington for his time and helpful comments during the telephonic interview of April 25, 2007. During the interview, Applicants' representative and the Examiner agreed that the current amendment to the independent claims, for example, "a sorting robot disposed thereon to move along an X-axis" would overcome the cited reference (Kobayashi et al.). In addition, it was also agreed that Kobayashi et al. fails to suggest or teach that chambers are separable from a main body as recited in the independent claims.

Accordingly, it was agreed that the claims distinguish over Kobayashi et al.

In view of the claim amendments and remarks made above, reconsideration and allowance of the claims are requested.

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**CONCLUSION**

In view of the above remarks and amendments, the Applicants respectfully submit that each of the rejections has been addressed and overcome, placing the present application in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a one (1) month extension of time for filing a reply to the outstanding Office Action and submit the required \$120.00 extension fee herewith.

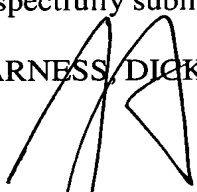
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John A. Castellano at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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